

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 127

Citations Affected: IC 1-1-8.1.

Synopsis: Time observance in Indiana. Conference committee report for ESB 127. Requires Indiana to observe daylight saving time throughout the state, beginning in 2006. Petitions the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings to hold hearings on the issue of the location of the boundary between the Eastern Time Zone and the Central Time Zone in Indiana. Advises the Department of Transportation that any Indiana county currently located in the Central Time Zone should remain in the Central Time Zone and that Clark County, Dearborn County, Floyd County, Harrison County, and Ohio County should remain in the Eastern Time Zone. Requires the governor to send a copy of the act to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to notify the Department of the state's petition. Provides that the state supports the effort of any county to change the time zone in which the county is located under procedures established by federal law. **(This conference committee report removes the provision: (1) that would authorize the county executive of a county to exempt the county from observing daylight saving time; and (2) that would require the Indiana department of transportation to erect and maintain, where appropriate, signage indicating a change in the time zone in each direction on a tollway and on the state highway system. This conference committee report also provides that the governor and general assembly rather than only the governor petitions the United States Department of Transportation to hold hearings on the appropriate time zone or time zones in which Indiana counties should be located.)**

Effective: Upon passage; January 1, 2006.

Adopted

Rejected

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 127 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 1-1-8.1-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3. The state supports the county executive**
- 5 **of any county that seeks to change the time zone in which the**
- 6 **county is located under the procedures established by federal law.**
- 7 SECTION 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 8 JANUARY 1, 2006]: IC 1-1-8.1-1; IC 1-1-8.1-2.
- 9 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The governor**
- 10 **and the general assembly hereby petition the United States**
- 11 **Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings under the**
- 12 **Uniform Time Act of 1966 to hold hearings in the appropriate**
- 13 **locations in Indiana on the issue of the location of the boundary**
- 14 **between the Central Time Zone and the Eastern Time Zone in**
- 15 **Indiana.**
- 16 (b) **The governor and the general assembly advise the United**
- 17 **States Department of Transportation that any administrative**
- 18 **action to change the time zone boundary in response to the petition**
- 19 **contained in this SECTION should not change the time zone for**
- 20 **any of the following Indiana counties:**
- 21 (1) **Any Indiana county currently located in the Central Time**
- 22 **Zone, which should remain in the Central Time Zone.**

- 1 **(2) Clark County, which should remain in the Eastern Time**
2 **Zone.**
3 **(3) Dearborn County, which should remain in the Eastern**
4 **Time Zone.**
5 **(4) Floyd County, which should remain in the Eastern Time**
6 **Zone.**
7 **(5) Harrison County, which should remain in the Eastern Time**
8 **Zone.**
9 **(6) Ohio County, which should remain in the Eastern Time**
10 **Zone.**
11 **(c) To implement this SECTION, the governor shall, not later**
12 **than ten (10) days after the governor files this act with the**
13 **secretary of state, send a copy of this act along with any other**
14 **necessary documentation prescribed by the United States**
15 **Department of Transportation to the appropriate official of the**
16 **United States Department of Transportation.**
17 **(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2007.**
18 **SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.**
 (Reference is to ESB 127 as reprinted April 5, 2005.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 127

Signed by:

Senator Riegsecker
Chairperson

Representative Torr

Senator Sipes

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House Conferees